

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A microscope slide for educational purposes comprising: a transparent material in a rectangular shape, having a first area, a second area, and a third area defined on the microscope slide, wherein the first area carries a preparation and the second and third areas are provided with a non-transparent layer, and wherein one of the non-transparent layers carries a plurality of printed characters in readable form and the other nontransparent layer carries a printed representation of the preparation on the microscope slide and wherein said nontransparent layers are on the same side and opposite ends of said microscope slide.
2. (original) The microscope slide as defined in claim 1 wherein the plurality of printed characters comprises readable information.
3. (original) The microscope slide as defined in claim 1 wherein the plurality of printed characters comprises machine readable information .
4. (original) The microscope slide as defined in claim 1 wherein the plurality of printed characters comprises readable and machine readable information.
- 5 - 7. (cancelled)
8. (currently amended) The microscope slide as defined in claim 1 wherein one of the non-transparent ~~coatings~~ layers carries the plurality of printed characters in machine readable form and the other non-transparent layer carries a printed representation of the preparation on the microscope slide.

9. (currently amended) The microscope slide as defined in claim 1 wherein one of the non-transparent ~~coatings~~ layers carries the plurality of printed characters in readable and machine form and the other non-transparent layer carries a printed representation of the preparation on the microscope slide.
10. (original) The microscope slide as defined in claim 1 wherein the microscope slide has four rounded corners.
11. (original) The microscope slide as defined in claim 1 wherein the microscope slide has a surrounding edge which has a rounded form.
12. (original) The microscope slide as defined in claim 1 wherein the microscope slide has a surrounding edge which has a triangular form.
13. (original) The microscope slide as defined in claim 1 wherein the microscope slide has a surrounding edge which has a trapezoidal form.
14. (currently amended) The microscope slide as defined in claim 1 wherein the at least one of the non-transparent layers on the microscope slide is a gripping area for handling the microscope slide.
15. (currently amended) A microscope slide for educational purposes comprising: a transparent material in a rectangular shape, at least a first, a second and a third area defined on the microscope slide, wherein the first area carries a preparation and the second and the third area are provided with a non-transparent layer, a plurality of printed characters are carried on the second non-transparent layer and a printed representation of the preparation on the microscope slide is provided on the third non-transparent layer

wherein said second and third layers are on the same side and opposite ends of said microscope slide.

16. (original) The microscope slide as defined in claim 15 wherein the printed characters and the printed representation of the preparation are done in one color.

17. (original) The microscope slide as defined in claim 15 wherein the one color is black.

18. (previously presented) The microscope slide as defined in claim 15 wherein the second and the third area are arranged on opposite ends of the rectangular slide and the first area is arranged between them.

19. (currently amended) A microscope slide for educational purposes comprising: a transparent material in a rectangular shape, at least a first, a second and a third area defined on the microscope slide, wherein the first area carries a preparation, the second area is provided with a non-transparent layer wherein a plurality of printed characters are carried on the second non transparent ~~coating~~ layer, and the third area carries a sticker on which a printed representation of the preparation on the microscope slide is shown wherein said second and third layers are positioned on the same side and opposite ends of said microscope slide.

20. (previously presented) The microscope slide as defined in claim 19 wherein the printed representation of the preparation is printed in color on the sticker.

21. (original) The microscope slide as defined in claim 19 wherein the sticker is printed separately and is attached after the printing process to the microscope slide.

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22. (previously presented) The microscope slide as defined in claim 19 wherein the second area and the sticker are arranged on opposite ends of the rectangular slide and the first area is arranged between them.